#### COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

#### STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

## AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 16, 2006

APPLICATION OF

#### NORTHERN NECK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

For approval of electrical facilities under Section 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia and for certification of such facilities under the Utility Facilities Act: Comorn Delivery Point 230 kV transmission line CASE NO. PUE-2006-00071

## ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On May 30, 2006, Northern Neck Electric Cooperative (the "Cooperative") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") the above-captioned Application. On June 30, 2006, the Cooperative filed revisions to the Appendix of the Application (revised page 37 and revised Attachment V.A. of the Appendix) and supplemental materials to the Application.

The Cooperative proposes to construct a new overhead single-circuit 230 kV transmission line, approximately 300 feet in total length, to provide service to its Comorn distribution substation, to be constructed, from Dominion Virginia Power's ("DVP") 230 kV Fredericksburg-Northern Neck transmission line. The Comorn substation will be built by the Cooperative in the Comorn area near Route 609 in King George County, Virginia.

The Cooperative will build the Comorn substation in order to meet load growth forecasted for the King George area of its service territory.

The Commission finds that, as provided by §§ 56-46.1, 56-265.2, and related provisions of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, this matter should be docketed and that the Cooperative should give notice. The Commission will accept comments on the Application, and we will

consider requests for a hearing on the Application. We will also direct the Commission Staff to investigate the Application.

### Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) As provided by §§ 56-46.1, 56-265.2, and related provisions of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, this matter be docketed as Case No. PUE-2006-00071 and that all associated papers be filed therein.
- (2) On or before September 25, 2006, interested persons may file written comments on the Application with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Comments should refer to Case No. PUE-2006-00071 and shall be filed by the designated date.
- (3) On or before September 25, 2006, interested persons may submit electronically comments on the Application by following the instructions available at the Commission's web site: <a href="http://www.scc.virginia.gov/caseinfo.htm">http://www.scc.virginia.gov/caseinfo.htm</a>. Persons commenting electronically need not file written comments pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (2).
- (4) On or before September 25, 2006, interested parties, as defined in § 56-46.1 D of the Code of Virginia, may file written requests for a hearing with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. An interested party should also mail a copy of the written request for a hearing to Alexander F. Dillard, Esquire, Dillard and Katona, 229 Prince Street, P.O. Box 356, Tappahannock, Virginia 22560. Written requests should refer to Case No. PUE-2006-00071 and should identify the issues for consideration at any hearing. Any request for hearing shall state with specificity why the issues raised in the request for hearing cannot be adequately addressed in written comments. The filing of requests for a hearing by e-mail or facsimile is not authorized in this proceeding.

- (5) The Commission Staff shall investigate the Cooperative's Application. On or before October 30, 2006, the Staff shall file with the Clerk a Report on its investigation, and the Clerk shall serve a copy on counsel to the Cooperative.
- (6) On or before November 13, 2006, the Cooperative may file with the Clerk an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comments on the Staff Report filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (5), comments filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs (2) and (3), and requests for hearing filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (4).
- (7) The Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories to parties or requests for production of documents and things*, shall be modified for this proceeding as follows: (i) answers and objections shall be served within twelve (12) days after receipt of interrogatories, counting weekends and holidays; (ii) motions on the validity of any objections raised shall be filed within four (4) business days of receipt of the objection; and (iii) answers, objections, and motions on the validity of objections shall be served by 3:00 p.m. on the date due, unless the Staff or party upon whom service must be made agrees in advance to other arrangements. Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure.
- (8) Within seven (7) business days of the date of this Order, the Cooperative shall make available for inspection during regular business hours copies of its Application, testimony, exhibits, and this Order at the following locations:

Northern Neck Electric Cooperative Office 85 St. John's Street Warsaw, Virginia 22572

King George County Offices Office of Community Development 10459 Courthouse Drive, Suite 104 King George, Virginia 22485

- (9) On or before August 31, 2006, the Cooperative shall serve a copy of this Order on the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of King George County. Service shall be made by first-class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.
- (10) On or before August 31, 2006, the Cooperative shall cause to be sent a copy of the notice and sketch map prescribed in Ordering Paragraph (11) below by first-class mail to all owners of property within the route of the proposed line, as indicated on the map or sketch of the route filed with the Commission, which requirement shall be satisfied by mailing the notice to such persons at such addresses as are indicated in the land books maintained by the commissioner of revenue, director of finance, or treasurer of the county or municipality.
- (11) On or before September 18, 2006, the Cooperative shall publish in two (2) consecutive weeks the following notice and a sketch map of the proposed route as display advertising (not classified) in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in King George County in Virginia:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY NORTHERN NECK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR APPROVAL OF A TRANSMISSION LINE IN KING GEORGE COUNTY CASE NO. PUE-2006-00071

On May 30, 2006, Northern Neck Electric Cooperative ("Cooperative") applied to the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the Cooperative to construct and operate a transmission line in King George County. The Cooperative proposes to construct and operate a 230 kV transmission line, approximately 300 feet in total length, which would connect Dominion Virginia Power's existing 230 kV Fredericksburg-Northern Neck transmission line to a new substation to be built by the Cooperative ("Comorn Substation") in the Comorn area near Route 609 in King George County, Virginia.

A description of the proposed route follows:

The proposed 230 kV tap extends southwest approximately 300 feet from Dominion Virginia Power's Fredericksburg-Northern Neck 230 kV transmission line to Northern Neck Electric Cooperative's Comorn substation, to be built. The substation site is located in the 6300 block of State Route 648 (St. Stephen's Road), approximately 0.1 miles southwest of St. Stephen's Church and the intersection of State Route 648 and State Route 609 (Comorn Road).

All distances and directions are approximate. The Commission may consider and approve a route not significantly different from the route described in this notice without additional notice to the public.

The Cooperative's application may be inspected in the Commission's Document Control Center, Office of the Clerk of the Commission, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, during Commission business hours. Copies of the application may also be inspected during regular business hours at the following locations:

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Interested persons may file written comments on the application with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Comments should refer to Case No. PUE-2006-00071 and must be filed by September 25, 2006.

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The unofficial text of the State Corporation Commission's orders and other documents filed in Case No. PUE-2006-00071 may be viewed at <a href="http://www.scc.virginia.gov/caseinfo.htm">http://www.scc.virginia.gov/caseinfo.htm</a>. The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and other information may be viewed at <a href="http://www.scc.virginia.gov">http://www.scc.virginia.gov</a>. Interested persons may also review all orders and other documents filed in Case No. PUE-2006-00071 at the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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- (12) On or before September 8, 2006, the Cooperative shall file a certificate of the mailing of notice to the officials described in Ordering Paragraph (9), which shall include the name and address of the official served.
- (13) On or before September 8, 2006, the Cooperative shall file a certificate of the mailing of the notice to owners of property described in Ordering Paragraph (10). The certificate shall not include the names and addresses of the owners of property served, but he Cooperative shall maintain a record of this information.
- (14) On or before October 10, 2006, the Cooperative shall file with the Commission's Clerk proof of the newspaper publication directed by Ordering Paragraph (11).

# (15) This case is continued.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to:

Alexander F. Dillard, Esquire, Dillard and Katona, 229 Prince Street, P.O. Box 356,

Tappahannock, Virginia 22560; Mr. Scott A. Smith, c/o Northern Neck Electric Cooperative,

85 St. John's Street, P.O. Box 288, Warsaw, Virginia 22572-0288; and the Commission's Office of General Counsel and Division of Energy Regulation.